

DHS FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS MODERNIZATION

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security concluded a hearing to examine financial management systems modernization at the Department of Homeland Security, focusing on systems and processes needed to support the Department's mission and operations, after receiving testimony from McCoy Williams, Director, Financial Management and Assurance, and Keith Rhodes, Chief Technologist, Applied Research and Methods, Center for Technology and Engineering, both of the Government Accountability Office; and David Norquist, Chief Financial Officer, and Scott Charbo, Chief Information Officer, both of the Department of Homeland Security.

CLASS III GAMING REGULATION

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine draft legislation regarding the regulation of class III gaming, after receiving testimony from Philip N. Hogen, Chairman, National Indian Gaming Commission; Dean Shelton, California Gambling Control Commission, Sacramento, on behalf of Governor Schwarzenegger; Myra Pearson, Fort Totten, North Dakota, and Kurt Luger, Bismark, North Dakota, both of the Great Plains Indian Gaming Association; W. Ron Allen, Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe, Sequim, Washington, on behalf of the Washington Indian Gaming Association; and Valerie Welsh-Tahbo, Colorado River Indian Tribes, Parker, Arizona.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: On Wednesday, June 27, 2007, Committee ordered favorably reported the following:

S. 423, to increase, effective as of December 1, 2007, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans;

S. 1163, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve compensation and specially adapted housing for veterans in certain cases of impairment of vision involving both eyes, and to provide for the use of the National Directory of New Hires for income verification purposes;

S. 479, to reduce the incidence of suicide among veterans;

S. 1315, to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance life insurance benefits for disabled veterans, with amendments; and

S. 1233, to provide and enhance intervention, rehabilitative treatment, and services to veterans with traumatic brain injury, with amendments.

NOMINATION

Committee on Veterans Affairs: On Wednesday, June 28, 2007, Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Charles L. Hopkins, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Operations, Preparedness, Security and Law Enforcement).

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 58 public bills, H.R. 2894–2951; and 9 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 178–181; and H. Res. 525–529 were introduced. **Pages H7430–33**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H7433–35**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2420, to declare United States policy on international climate cooperation, to authorize assistance to promote clean and efficient energy tech-

nologies in foreign countries, and to establish the International Clean Energy Foundation, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–215);

H.R. 1851, to reform the housing choice voucher program under section 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–216); and

H.R. 1852, to modernize and update the National Housing Act and enable the Federal Housing Administration to use risk-based pricing to more effectively reach underserved borrowers, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–217). **Pages H7429–30**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative McCollum to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H7343**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Erin Conaway, South Main Baptist Church, Houston, Texas. **Page H7343**

Temporarily extending the programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965: The House agreed by unanimous consent to S. 1704, to temporarily extend the programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965—clearing the measure for the President. **Page H7347**

Making appropriations for financial services and general government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008: The House passed H.R. 2829, making appropriations for financial services and general government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, by a yea-and-nay vote of 240 yeas to 179 nays, Roll No. 606. **Pages H7347–H7411**

Rejected the Lewis (CA) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report the same back promptly to the House with an amendment, by a yea-and-nay vote of 222 yeas to 199 nays, Roll No. 605. **Pages H7409–10**

Agreed to:

Moran (KS) amendment that prohibits funds from being used to administer, implement, or enforce the amendment made to section 515.533 of title 31, Code of Federal Regulations, that was published in the Federal Register on February 25, 2005; **Pages H7347–49**

DeFazio amendment (No. 9 printed in the Congressional Record of June 26, 2007) that prohibits funds from being used by the Selective Service System to prepare for, plan, or execute the Area Office Mobilization Prototype Exercise; **Page H7363**

Cardoza amendment (that was debated on June 27th) that reduces funding for General Activities under the General Services Administration by \$8 million and increases funding for the Office of Inspector General under the General Services Administration by \$6 million (by a recorded vote of 281 yeas to 144 noes, Roll No. 584); **Page H7394**

Garrett (NJ) amendment (No. 1 printed in the Congressional Record of June 25, 2007 and debated on June 27th) that prohibits funds from being used by the Securities and Exchange Commission to enforce the requirements of section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act (by a recorded vote of 267 yeas to 154 noes, Roll No. 588); **Page H7397**

Flake amendment (No. 19 printed in the Congressional Record of June 26, 2007) that prohibits funds from being used for the Mitchell County Development Foundation, Inc. for the Home of the Perfect

Christmas Tree project (by a recorded vote of 249 yeas to 174 noes, Roll No. 593); **Pages H7354–57, H7400–01**

Wicker amendment that prohibits funds from being used to implement section 5112(n)(2)(C) of title 31, United States Code (by a recorded vote of 295 yeas to 127 noes, Roll No. 598); **Pages H7374–75, H7403–04**

Pence amendment that prohibits funds from being used by the Federal Communications Commission to implement the Fairness Doctrine, as repealed in General Fairness Doctrine Obligations of Broadcast Licensees, or any other regulations having the same substance (by a recorded vote of 309 yeas to 115 noes, with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 599); and **Pages H7375–80, H7404–05**

Goode amendment (No. 32 printed in the Congressional Record of June 26, 2007) that sought to prohibit funds from being used to implement or enforce the Health Care Benefits Expansion Act of 1992 (by a recorded vote of 224 yeas to 200 noes, Roll No. 603). **Pages H7390, H7407–08**

Rejected:

Flake amendment (No. 17 printed in the Congressional Record of June 26, 2007) that sought to prohibit funds from being used for the Fairplex Trade and Conference Center, Pomona, California; **Pages H7358–60**

Flake amendment (No. 28 printed in the Congressional Record of June 26, 2007) that sought to prohibit funds from being used for the Advantage West Economic Development Group, Certified Entrepreneurial Community Program; **Pages H7360–61**

Campbell (CA) amendment that sought to prohibit funds from being used for the Wittenberg University East Asian Study Center (agreed by unanimous consent that the House vacate the ordering of a recorded vote on adoption of the amendment to the end that the Chair may put the question on the amendment de novo); **Pages H7369–70**

DeFazio amendment (No. 8 printed in the Congressional Record of June 26, 2007 and debated on June 27th) that sought to increase funding, by offset, for the Small Business Administration by \$10 million (by a recorded vote of 95 yeas to 320 noes, Roll No. 585); **Page H7395**

Price (GA) amendment (No. 15 printed in the Congressional Record of June 26, 2007 and debated on June 27th) that sought to strike section 738 entitled Requirement for Public-Private Competition (by a recorded vote of 158 yeas to 268 noes, Roll No. 586); **Pages H7395–96**

Tom Davis (VA) amendment (that was debated on June 27th) that sought to increase funding, by offset, for Federal Payment for Resident Tuition Support by \$1 million (by a recorded vote of 146 ayes to 279 noes, Roll No. 587); **Pages H7396–97**

Souder amendment (that was debated on June 27th) that sought to prohibit funds from being used for the Prevention Works or Whitman-Walker Clinic needle exchange programs (by a recorded vote of 208 ayes to 216 noes, Roll No. 589); **Pages H7397–98**

Flake amendment (No. 18 printed in the Congressional Record of June 26, 2007) that sought to prohibit funds from being used for the Grace Johnstown Area Regional Industries Incubator and Workforce Development program (by a recorded vote of 87 ayes to 335 noes, Roll No. 590); **Pages H7349–50, H7398–99**

Flake amendment that sought to prohibit funds from being used for a project for Barracks Row Main Street, Inc. (by a recorded vote of 60 ayes to 361 noes, Roll No. 591); **Pages H7350–52, H7399**

Flake amendment (No. 21 printed in the Congressional Record of June 26, 2007) that sought to prohibit funds from being used for the San Francisco Planning and Urban Research Association, SPUR Urban Center (by a recorded vote of 102 ayes to 317 noes, Roll No. 592); **Pages H7353–54, H7399–H7400**

Flake amendment (No. 22 printed in the Congressional Record of June 26, 2007) that sought to prohibit funds from being used for the West Virginia University Research Corporation for renovations of a small business incubator (by a recorded vote of 101 ayes to 325 noes, Roll No. 594); **Pages H7361–63, H7401**

Campbell (CA) amendment that sought to prohibit funds from being used for the Abraham Lincoln National Airport Commission (by a recorded vote of 107 ayes to 318 noes, Roll No. 595); **Pages H7363–65, H7401–02**

Emanuel amendment that sought to prohibit funds from being used for the Office of the Vice President (by a recorded vote of 209 ayes to 217 noes, Roll No. 596); **Pages H7365–69, H7402–03**

Campbell (CA) amendment that sought to prohibit funds from being used for a list of sundry projects contained in the bill (by a recorded vote of 48 ayes to 372 noes, Roll No. 597); **Pages H7370–74, H7403**

Jordan amendment (No. 31 printed in the Congressional Record of June 26, 2007) that sought to provide that each amount appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act that is not required to be appropriated or otherwise made available by a provision of law is reduced by 8.9 percent (by a recorded vote of 149 ayes to 276 noes, Roll No. 600); **Pages H7380–83, H7405–06**

Price (GA) amendment that sought to reduce appropriations in the bill by \$214,340,000 (by a recorded vote of 191 ayes to 233 noes, Roll No. 601); **Pages H7384–87, H7406**

Musgrave amendment (No. 13 printed in the Congressional Record of June 26, 2007) that sought to reduce each amount appropriated or otherwise made available in the bill, that is not required to be appropriated or otherwise made available by a provision of law, by 0.5 percent (by a recorded vote of 205 ayes to 220 noes, Roll No. 602); and **Pages H7387–90, H7406–07**

Stearns amendment that sought to prohibit funds from being used by the Internal Revenue Service to implement a Spanish-language version of the “Where’s my Refund?” service (by a recorded vote of 165 ayes to 257 noes, Roll No. 604). **Pages H7391–94, H7408–09**

Withdrawn:

Ellsworth amendment (No. 10 printed in the Congressional Record of June 26, 2007) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that sought to prohibit funds from being used to enter into a contract in an amount greater than the simplified acquisition threshold unless the prospective contractor certifies in writing to the agency that the contractor owes no Federal tax debt and **Page H7357**

Wolf amendment (No. 14 printed in the Congressional Record of June 26, 2007) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that sought to establish funding for a budget and entitlement reform commission. **Pages H7357–58**

Point of Order sustained against:

Lucas amendment (No. 34 printed in the Congressional Record of June 26, 2007) that sought to prohibit funds from being used by the United States Government to seize, other than for value given in a sale or exchange, any coin, medal or numismatic item made or issued by the United States Government before January 1, 1933; **Page H7349**

Section 106 regarding qualified tax collection contracts; and **Pages H7352–53**

Kingston amendment that sought to prohibit funds from being used to enter into a contract with an entity that does not participate in the basic pilot program described in section 403(a) of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996. **Page H7387**

H. Res. 517, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to on Wednesday, June 27th.

Adjournment Resolution: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 179, providing for an adjournment of the House and a recess or adjournment of the Senate. **Page H7391**

Late Report: Agreed that the Committee on Energy and Commerce have until midnight on July 9, 2007 to file a report to accompany H.R. 2900. **Page H7411**

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, July 2, 2007, unless it sooner has received a message from the Senate transmitting its concurrence in H. Con. Res. 179, in which case the House shall stand adjourned pursuant to that concurrent resolution. **Pages H7391, H7411**

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed by unanimous consent to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, July 11th. **Page H7411**

U.S. Capitol Preservation Commission—Appointment: Read a letter from Robert A. Brady, Vice Chairman, Joint Committee on the Library, in which he designated Representative Capuano to serve on the U.S. Capitol Preservation Commission in lieu of himself. **Page H7412**

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Ruppertsberger and Representative Cummings to act as Speaker pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through July 10, 2007. **Page H7412**

Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Gillmor wherein he resigned from the Committee on Energy and Commerce, effective immediately. **Page H7412**

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H7343 and H7412 .

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and twenty-one recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H7394, H7395, H7395–96, H7396–97, H7397, H7398, H7398–99, H7399, H7400, H7400–01, H7401, H7402, H7402–03, H7403, H7404, H7404–05, H7405–06, H7406, H7406–07, H7407–08, H7408, H7410, and H7411. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and at 9:50 p.m., the House stands adjourned until 2 p.m. on Tuesday, July 10, 2007.

Committee Meetings

MEDICARE ADVANTAGE AND THE FEDERAL BUDGET

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on Medicare Advantage and the Federal Budget. Testimony was heard from Peter R. Orszag, Director, CBO; Mark E. Miller, Executive Director, Medicare Payment Advisory Commission; Mark B. McClellan, former Commissioner, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

IMPROVING JOB TRAINING EFFECTIVENESS

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on Higher Education, Lifelong Learning and Competitiveness held a hearing on Workforce Investment Act: Recommendations To Improve the Effectiveness of Job Training.” Testimony was heard from Sigurd Nelson, Director, Education, Workforce and Income Security Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

ENERGY MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Ordered reported the following Committee Prints: amended, To promote advanced plug-in hybrid vehicles and vehicle components; amended, To enhance availability of energy information; and To promote the development of renewable fuels infrastructure.

On July 27, the Committee ordered reported, as amended, the following Committee Prints To promote greater energy efficiency; To facilitate the transition to a smart electricity grid; and To clarify the amount of loans to be guaranteed under title XVII of the Energy Policy Act of 2005.

MILLENNIUM CHALLENGE CORPORATIONS IN AFRICA

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health held a hearing entitled “Millennium Challenge Corporation in Africa: Promises Versus Progress.” Testimony was heard from Rodney Bent, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Millennium Challenge Corporation; David Gootnick, M.D., Director, International Affairs and Trade, GAO; and public witnesses.

PROTECTING U.S. COMPANIES IN COLOMBIA

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights, and Oversight, and the Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, with the Subcommittee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions, and the Subcommittee on Workforce Protections held a joint hearing entitled “Protection and Money: U.S. Companies, Their Employees, and Violence in Columbia.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

US–VISIT PROGRAM

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Border, Maritime, and Global Counterterrorism held a hearing entitled “US–VISIT Exit: Closing Gaps in Our Security.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Robert A. Moczy, Director, US–VISIT Program; and Robert M. Jackson, Executive Director, Travel Security and Facilitation, Office of Field Operations, U.S. Customs and Border Protection; and